



Taxation: Anti-fraud network EUROFISC starts operational work

Anti-fraud experts from the EU's 27 national tax administrations convene on 7 and 8 February in Paris in the framework of EUROFISC. This will be the launch of the first EUROFISC working field, soon to be followed by three others.

EUROFISC is a mechanism provided for Member States to enhance their administrative cooperation in combating organised VAT fraud and especially carousel fraud. EUROFISC allows for quick and targeted sharing of information between all Member States on fraudulent activities.

The EUROFISC network was established by a Regulation on administrative cooperation and combating VAT fraud (Council Regulation 904/2010 ([OJ L268 of 12/10/2010](#), p.1)) and officially launched on 10 November 2010. At its first meeting the internal rules of procedure were adopted and the EUROFISC liaison officials were appointed. In addition agreement was reached on the different working fields, which means the different types of repetitive fraud situations the network will look after. In the meantime, all experts participating in these working fields have been appointed and will start their activities these days.

The Commission considers this development very positive and welcomes the quick setting up of the newly created instrument. A very close co-operation between national tax administration and a more common risk analysis is, in the view of the Commission, an essential to limit VAT fraud effectively and, notably, to detect carousel fraud before major tax losses occur. The Commission will attentively follow the work of EUROFISC and support it wherever it can; combating VAT fraud remains a priority of its work.

The [Green Paper](#) that the Commission published recently represents another step towards the overhauling of the VAT system with a view to make it more robust and fraud proof.